



**A8 - NEPA Clearance Re-evaluation EIIC Railroad Extension  
RPD-FE06(01)-49-82**

**Hylar, Randy [DOT] to: 'Miner, Pam'**

12/16/2010 12:09 PM

**"Stokes, Danny [DOT]", "Halvorson, Nancy [DOT]", "Ranney, Ejon  
Cc: [DOT]", "Wazny, Roselyn [DOT]", "Newell, Deeann [DOT]"  
"Faber, Randall [DOT]", "Christa.Dean@stb.dot.gov"**

**IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**To: Pam Miner**

**Effective Date: July 08, 2008**

**Organization: City of Davenport**

**Ref No: RPD-FE06(01)-49-82**

**From: NEPA Compliance**

**County: Scott**

**Office: Location and Environment**

**Subject: NEPA Clearance – A8 Re-evaluation of FONSI/EA – RPD-FE06(01)-49-82**

The environmental review process has been completed for Eastern Iowa Industrial Center Railroad Extension. The project design changes and the original FONSI/EA have been Re-evaluated and we have determined that the original clearance date of July 08, 2008 remains valid. FHWA concurred with the Re-evaluation determination for the project on December 15, 2010. The review was based on the information provided in the attached email and the original FONSI/EA. Project development may continue toward letting. Changes to the project, as approved, could nullify the concurrence. It is your responsibility to notify the District Office of significant changes in the project and to also obtain any necessary regulatory permits that may be required as the result of this project.

If additional right of way is needed for this project, negotiation activities to obtain permanent easement and temporary easements may proceed at this time provided the project sponsor is paying for 100 percent of those costs. If the project sponsor desires federal-aid participation in the cost of any right-of-way activities, do not proceed with any right-of-way activities at this time. Instead, please contact your Administering office regarding submittal requirements for obtaining FHWA authorization to proceed. Please work with your District Local Systems Engineer as you move forward with project development activities. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me anytime.

The NEPA Clearance document(s) can be found in ERMS as follows:

**Area: Highway**

**Cabinet: Environmental**

**Search Group: NEPA**

**Drawer: NEPA Document**

**Folder: Re-evaluation**

**NEPA: 2870**

cc:

Stokes, Danny [DOT]; Halvorson, Nancy [DOT]; Ranney, Ejon [DOT]; Ellis, Kent [DOT]; Newell, Deeann [DOT]; Faber, Randall [DOT]; Wazny, Rose [DOT]; Dean, Christa [STB]

Randy Hyler  
Iowa Department of Transportation  
Office of Location & Environment  
800 Lincoln Way  
Ames, IA 50010  
Phone: 515-233-7977  
Email: randy.hylar@dot.iowa.gov

----- Message from "Mike.LaPietra@dot.gov" <Mike.LaPietra@dot.gov> on Wed, 15 Dec 2010 14:56:52 -0600 -----

To: "Hyler, Randy [DOT]" <Randy.Hylar@dot.iowa.gov>  
"pminer@ci.davenport.ia.us" <pminer@ci.davenport.ia.us>, "Christa.Dean@stb.dot.gov" <Christa.]  
cc: Roselyn [DOT]" <Roselyn.Wazny@dot.iowa.gov>, "Newell, Deeann [DOT]" <DeeAnn.Newell@d  
<Brad.Hofer@dot.iowa.gov>

**Subject** : RE: Eastern Iowa Industrial Rail Project RPD-FE06(001)--49-82

Randy,

The Iowa Division concurs with your approach. The additional impacts are not significant, and the original FONSI clearance date of 7/8/2008 is still valid.

Mike

-----Original Message-----

From: Hyler, Randy [DOT] [mailto:Randy.Hylar@dot.iowa.gov]  
Sent: Tuesday, December 14, 2010 11:00 AM  
To: LaPietra, Mike (FHWA)  
Cc: 'Miner, Pam'; 'Christa.Dean@stb.dot.gov'; Wazny, Roselyn [DOT];  
Newell, Deeann [DOT]; Hofer, Brad [DOT]  
Subject: FW: Eastern Iowa Industrial Rail Project RPD-FE06(001)--49-82

Mike,

As you probably recall, the City of Davenport changed the alignment of the railway after the EA and FONSI were signed. This new alignment was slightly outside of the original study area and we advised the city they would need to prepare a supplemental EA, hold a public hearing and amend the FONSI.

The City has evaluated the area outside of the initial study area and provided the attached table that shows resource impacts that have changed with the new alignment. I have also attached a project map, SHPO letter and a picture of an abandoned warehouse for your reference.

In summary, the new alignment would require approximately 6.24

additional acres of ROW, would affect 4 additional parcels but no additional property owners, farmland impacts would be reduced by approximately 2.8 acres and one abandoned warehouse building would need to be acquired. The IADOT believes these additional impacts are not at the level that would require the preparation of an EIS and we recommend that a supplemental EA/FONSI not be completed. Instead we recommend that the information contained in this email be used as a project re-evaluation. Do you concur with this approach? If you concur, the IADOT would recommend that the original clearance date of 07/08/2008 be retained.

The email below indicates the Surface Transportation Board (cooperating agency) has concurred that a supplemental EA is not necessary for this project. Please let me know if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Thanks,

Randy Hyler  
IADOT-NEPA Section

-----Original Message-----

From: Christa.Dean@stb.dot.gov [mailto:Christa.Dean@stb.dot.gov]  
Sent: Tuesday, December 14, 2010 10:29 AM  
To: Hyler, Randy [DOT]  
Cc: Hofer, Brad [DOT]; Newell, Deeann [DOT];  
'mike.lapietra@fhwa.dot.gov'; 'Miner, Pam'; Wazny, Roselyn [DOT];  
Vicki.Rutson@stb.dot.gov  
Subject: Re: Eastern Iowa Industrial Rail Project RPD-FE06(001)--49-82

The Surface Transportation Board's Office of Environmental Analysis has reviewed the proposed new rail alignment, as well as its potential impacts, and after speaking with Mike LaPietra today, we concur with the determination that a supplemental Environmental Assessment is not necessary for the Eastern Iowa Industrial Rail Project.

As soon as it becomes available, please send documentation of FHWA's determination or agreement that the original finding will not be affected by the proposed alignment change. The documentation may be emailed to christa.dean@stb.dot.gov or it can be mailed to:

Surface Transportation Board  
Office of Environmental Analysis  
Attn: Christa Dean  
395 E Street SW, Room 1108  
Washington DC 20423

Thank you,  
Christa Dean

Christa L. Dean, Attorney  
Surface Transportation Board  
Office of Environmental Analysis  
202.245.0299

---

From: "Hyler, Randy [DOT]" <Randy.Hyler@dot.iowa.gov>  
To: "'Christa Dean (christa.dean@stb.dot.gov)'"  
<christa.dean@stb.dot.gov>  
Cc: "'mike.lapietra@fhwa.dot.gov'" <mike.lapietra@fhwa.dot.gov>,  
"'Miner, Pam'" <pminer@ci.davenport.ia.us>, "Wazny, Roselyn  
[DOT]" <Roselyn.Wazny@dot.iowa.gov>, "Hofer, Brad [DOT]"  
<Brad.Hofer@dot.iowa.gov>, "Newell, Deeann [DOT]"  
<DeeAnn.Newell@dot.iowa.gov>  
Date: 12/01/2010 10:20 AM  
Subject: Eastern Iowa Industrial Rail Project  
RPD-FE06(001)--49-82

Christa,

As you probably recall, the City of Davenport changed the alignment of the railway after the EA and FONSI were signed. This new alignment was slightly outside of the original study area and we advised the city they would need to prepare a supplemental EA, hold a public hearing and amend the FONSI.

The City has evaluated the area outside of the initial study area and provided the attached table that shows resource impacts that have changed with the new alignment. I have also attached a project map, SHPO letter and a picture of an abandoned warehouse for your reference.

In summary, the new alignment would require approximately 6.24 additional acres of ROW, would affect 4 additional parcels but no additional property owners, farmland impacts would be reduced by approximately 2.8 acres and one abandoned warehouse building would need to be acquired. The IADOT believes these additional impacts are not at the level that would require the preparation of an EIS and we recommend that a supplemental EA/FONSI not be completed. Instead we recommend that the information contained in this email be used as a project re-evaluation. Do you concur with this approach?

If you concur, the IADOT would recommend that the original clearance date of 07/08/2008 be retained. Please let me know if you have any questions need any additional information.

Thank you,

Randy Hyler  
Iowa Department of Transportation  
Office of Location & Environment  
800 Lincoln Way  
Ames, IA 50010  
Phone: 515-233-7977  
Email: randy.hyler@dot.iowa.gov

(See attached file: Revised EA Table 6 (2).doc) (See attached file: New Alignment Map.pdf) (See attached file: RE\_RPD-FED06(010)--45-82, Cultural Resources Clearance.pdf) (See attached file: 70110 011.jpg)